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Head of TPF cop is line shot of one of the cops who busted the kids  
at CCNY this week. More CCNY photos on Page P-5; story on Page 6.

See more Mexican photos in this packet.

## San Francisco's Presidio Stockade--

### 27 GI'S FACE DEATH PENALTY

by Bob Seingrass

LIBERATION News Service/The Movement

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (LNS) -- Twenty-seven GIs at San Francisco's Presidio Army Base stockade face the death penalty for staging a non-violent sitdown to protest the Oct. 11 murder of a fellow prisoner.

The victim, Richard Bunch, 19, was mentally ill. He had gone AWOL, returned to his home in Ohio, and told his mother he had died and been reborn as a warlock, able to kill enemy soldiers at a glance.

His mother turned him in when she received assurances that her son would be given psychiatric care.

Instead, he was sent to the Presidio and confined there with 140 other prisoners in a stockade built to hold one-fourth that many.

Before his murder, Bunch had written several suicide notes. He often woke up screaming in the night and carried on long conversations with himself. He received no psychiatric help.

On the day of his death, he scrawled a rough note: "Very well, since they want me I'll do it. Well, if you're not going to give me love at least do me the favor of complete elimination. But one click and it's over."

#### The Murder

That day Bunch was working on a shotgun detail (four prisoners and a shotgun-toting guard). He asked the guard, "What will you do if I run?" The guard replied that Bunch would have to run to find out.

Bunch ran. The shotgun blast tore off the back of his head. The range was so close that pellets entering his back came out the front of his chest.

The other prisoners on the detail witnessed the murder. They were outraged. That night there was a minor riot in the stockade during which windows were broken.

The following day, Saturday, October 12, during the GI peace march, four AWOL GIs turned themselves in. That weekend the stockade buzzed

with discussion of Bunch's murder, of the four returnees, and of the nine other GIs at the base who previously had refused to go to Vietnam.

Conditions in the stockade are vile--140 men serviced by four toilets, one sink and one shower. Guards are untrained and uncensored. Some are sadists--beatings are frequent. In the past months, five prisoners have attempted suicide.

O'Hara, the killer guard, has disappeared, presumably in accordance with the Army policy of giving such men immediate favorable transfers to the bases of their choice. No charges were brought against him. The prisoners agreed that something had to be done.

#### The Sit-Down

On Monday morning, when the men were assigned to their work details, 28 of them (one has since recanted and given evidence against the others) walked over to one side, sat down and began to sing We Shall Overcome and America The Beautiful. They all signed a petition seeking an investigation of the murder and the terrible treatment of the prisoners.

Guards shouted, the non-striking prisoners buzzed, and Captain Lamont ran out to order the protesters back to work. He grabbed a microphone and then stood in front of the loud speaker, so that the men got a double dose of Sec. 94 of the Code of Military Justice, the Mutiny Act, which forbids disobedience "in concert" to an order. But the noise being made by the guards, prisoners, singers and two two voices of Captain Lamont made the orders impossible to hear.

Finally the guards led or carried the protesters away, one by one, into solitary. There was no violence.

#### The Charge

The actual charge of mutiny was not placed until ten days later, apparently after the brass had consulted with Washington and the Pentagon. The charge carries a possible death penalty. If convicted, the men might expect a "lenient" sentence of perhaps 20 years at hard labor.

These protesters are typical soldiers--they

are against the war and hate the military. Discipline among enlisted men has broken down and morale is dropping daily. More than 80% of the prisoners are in the stockade for going AWOL; for most, it is not the first or even the second offense. One soldier is in for slugging a sergeant and a lieutenant, another for disobeying orders to Vietnam. All the men are white. Most are high school dropouts; none are college graduates. A little over half were draftees while most of the others enlisted to avoid the draft. Most had their first encounters with anti-establishment, anti-military attitudes in the Haight-Ashbury, frequently a sanctuary for military fugitives. The average age in the stockade is 18½.

Only ministers, lawyers and families may visit the prisoners. Two of the GI's who participated in the sitdown are Steve Rowland and Keith Mather. Other names are not available. Letters should be sent to: The Stockade, San Francisco Presidio, San Francisco, California, 94129. -30- (Special prepublication to LNS from The Movement, radical monthly published in San Francisco.)  
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ROUND-UP ON ELECTION ACTION:  
ONE FOOT IN THE STREETS

LIBERATION News Service

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(Editors, this is the conclusion of the election action round-up featured in LNS #116, Nov.7,A-D.)

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- A demonstration involving 1000 people took place in the financial district here on election night. Twenty-five people were busted at Humphrey Campaign Headquarters.

Other planned election activities failed to materialize. Two other demonstrations didn't take place, as many of the Bay Area's students were pre-occupied with campus political actions such as the strike at S.F. State College.

LOS ANGELES (LNS) -- Five hundred students, out on strike, held an election-fraud rally at Los Angeles City College. Another 500 students held a rally at San Fernando Valley Junior College and then marched on the school's administration building.

Los Angeles high school students were especially active. 600 of them staged a demonstration in the city's central business section, taking to the streets and marching past the famous L.A. police headquarters. Another 500 high schoolers held a rally at Fairfax High School; and a thousand more gathered at Hancock park.

At Claremont College in Pomona, the first strong student demonstration was held. One hundred black and white students held a rally inside the student union and then took to the streets. Picking up another 100 people along the way, the students marched to a rally at city hall.

At San Fernando Valley State College, 70 black students seized the 5th floor of the school's administration building on Nov. 4. One of their demands was the dismissal of a "racist" coach who had roughed up a black athlete. When word of the action got back to 1,500 white students attending an anti-election rally on campus, 400 students marched to the building and joined the blacks, seizing the 2nd floor. After the school's president reached an agreement with them, the students left the building. As they were leaving, the first of eleven divisions of Los Angeles police invaded the building.

The next day, the College renounced the agreement and announced that participating student leaders had the option of surrendering themselves to the police or having warrants issued for their arrest.

The students gave themselves up. Black students are charged with kidnapping 100 secretaries who were in the building when the students seized it; white students are charged with trespassing. They were released on bails totalling \$30,000.

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This Space Belongs to You.

## FATIGUE PRESS EDITOR UP AGAINST THE WALL

by Tom Cleaver

LIBERATION News Service

FT. HOOD, Texas (LNS) -- PFC Bruce L. Petersen, founder and editor of the "Fatigue Press", Ft. Hood's underground paper, was found guilty today by a general court-martial of two counts of possession of marijuana, sentenced to eight years at hard labor and given a dishonorable discharge.

The two "counts" were: editing the "Fatigue Press"--which tells it like it is at Ft. Hood--and being politically active with the Oleo Strut coffeehouse in nearby Killeen. The conviction was a phoney from start to finish.

Bruce, whose anonymous letter from the Ft. Hood Stockade was printed in LNS and published throughout the country, reported to Ft. Hood early this spring, after serving nine months in Leavenworth on a marijuana possession conviction from Ft. Knox, Kentucky. When he started working politically on the base, he was aware that his past record might be used against him in lieu of any political charges, and he tried to stay as clean as possible. As it was, it took the Army four attempts to finally plant the grass on him.

The "Fatigue Press" began in early July as a counter to the lifer propaganda distributed in the official base newspapers. Previously, Bruce had been one of the first Ft. Hood GIs to work actively with the staff of the Oleo Strut, the Summer of Support coffeehouse in Killeen. In early August, he found packets of marijuana in both his wall locker on base and in his car. On both occasions, he disposed of the evidence before the CID--the Army's secret police--could "find" it on him.

On Aug. 23, he was arrested by the Killeen police along with two other Ft. Hood GIs and their girls on a marijuana possession charge. They were all released the following day on \$2,500 bail, and charges were eventually dropped against all but Bruce.

On September 7, Bruce was standing in front of the Oleo Strut, talking with friends, when a Killeen Kop came up and asked him about a "yellow and black car," which he had no knowledge of. Upon

getting a negative reply, the cop returned to his wagon, made a call, then motioned Bruce into the car and drove off with him. Friends discovered later that Bruce had been taken to the Killeen police station, charged with "suspicion of possession of marijuana." Placed on \$25,000 bail, the lint was taken from his pockets and "sent away for analysis."

He was taken to Bell County Jail the next day, where he remained until September 10, when civil charges were dropped and he was placed in custody of the military authorities. The Army immediately renewed the charges against him and placed him in pre-trial confinement at the Ft. Hood Stockade, where he stayed for 57 days before going to trial.

The court-martial lasted for two days. At the outset, his lawyer, Steve Gorman of Los Angeles, presented motions to have the case thrown out on the grounds that the arrests had been made by civilian police and were therefore subject to civilian arrest procedures, that the search and seizure in both arrests had been illegal, and that the case had not been taken before a civil court due to the De Minibus precedent (which says, roughly, that one must have enough dope on them when arrested to get high on). The motions were denied by the law officer, Col. Barry, who was also the law officer in the general courts martial of the Ft. Hood 43.

The prosecution's "expert witness" testified that the substance he had analyzed was, indeed, marijuana. This was the only evidence the prosecution could present in court, since the marijuana Bruce was accused of possessing was in such small quantity that it had been destroyed during the process of analyzing it.

When Gorman attempted to get a continuance in order to bring other experts who could prove that it is impossible to identify marijuana by microscopic analysis, he was again overruled by Col. Barry.

The trial closed on November 5. After deliberating in closed session for 45 minutes, the court-martial board pronounced the verdict: "Guilty as Charged..". Another 20 minutes in closed session produced the sentence: confinement

at hard labor for eight years and a dishonorable discharge from the Army.

Friends in the audience were visibly stunned by the severity of the sentence. Bruce's father, who had flown in from Los Angeles was shaken. Bruce's friends have vowed to fight the case to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

A mandatory appeal is in the works, as is traditional in general courts-martial, but the case remains in the military system. First it is subject to review by the Judge Advocate General's office in Washington, then it goes to the Military Court of Appeals. Only after this can it go up through the civilian Federal Courts to be fought to the Supreme Court. In the meantime, Bruce Petersen sits in the stockade.

Drug possession charges in lieu of political charges for organizing within the Army is the new way the brass dispose of dissenters. This way the Army avoids the public black eye it would get in a political trial such as in the Levy or Ft. Hood Three cases. By charging a man with "criminal" drug possession, the Army hopes to discredit him with his constituency and to cut him off from any potential support community that would develop were his crime "political." In addition, penalties for drug possession are much stiffer than for political acts.

The tactic has been tried unsuccessfully on other political organizers at Ft. Hood recently. On November 1, SP/5 John Bertelsen was acquitted for lack of evidence in a general court-martial for marijuana possession (read: political organizing at Gray Army Air Base), by the fluke of having a law officer who wasn't from Ft. Hood and who therefore didn't depend on the good graces of the "Convening Authority"--the accuser--for future advancement. The man acted like a defense attorney and surprised everyone.

Another GI, PFC Larry Langdowski, had marijuana possession charges dropped before they ever got to court.

Friends of PFC Petersen are attempting to get a congressional investigation into the goings-on at Ft. Hood, specifically over the administration of military "justice" at the base. All groups and individuals are urged to put pressure

on their congressmen to get this investigation. Outside pressure on the brass is now the only thing that can save Bruce and the many others like him who will come along.

Telegrams in support of the case should also be sent to Lt. General Beverly Powell, Commander, III Corps, Ft. Hood, Tex., expressing indignation and outrage over this travesty of justice. If the case is not fought to the limit, many other anti-war, anti-military GIs will be cowed by the example the Brass has set out to create, and repression will return with a vengeance. - 30 -

(Tom Cleaver is on the staff of the Oleo Strut.)

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#### THE BALLOT BOX SACRAMENT

by David Epstein

LIBERATION News Service

In this country, it doesn't matter what your religion is, as long as you've got one. The real religion here doesn't go on in church, and hasn't got much to do with Jesus, the Pope or the Pentateuch. The Jehovah's Witnesses are on to something when they say that saluting the flag is idol-worship. What holier idol have we got?

To most people, the most sacred symbols in America are the Flag, the Constitution, and the Voting Booth. The hell-fire of public condemnation is reserved not for people who flout the principles of Christian ethics, but for the "long-haired draft-card-burning anarchists" who reject the most sacred precept of our national faith: "My country right or wrong." The first commandment to the followers of this highly popular creed is not to attend church, but to "vote for the candidate of your choice."

This religion, like Christianity and Judaism in the 19th century, is the "opiate of the people." In that time, the old religions told people to accept their misery as the will of God, while the rich got richer. Today, the voter is told to accept the lousy life he leads because, after all, he pulled the lever and is responsible for the sins of the man who got elected. Because pulling the lever or marking the cross on the ballot in the curtained sanctuary is a ritual affirming the participant's loyalty to

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and belief in the prevailing creed.

If Marx (and Freud) ever taught us anything, it should be that things are not always what we are told they are. Elections are no more about "choosing new leadership" than "a tiger in your tank" is about zoology. The most important thing that voting does is to screw up the heads of the people who every four years make their trip to the voting booth and enroll their names in the sacred books. When the boss, the draft, the cops, the tax man and the finance company come down on us, we are told it's our fault because we pulled one of the two little levers.

The two-party dictatorship was a great invention of the American fat cats. Elections of course no more decide how people are going to live here than in any country where the Leader gets 99 per cent of the votes. But here the bankers who run the crap table manage to add interest to the game by turning it into a mock contest between two factions of front men. Will the next High Priest be the East end of a horse going West, or the West end of a Horse going East? Watch them run, sandwiched between the Beverly Hillbillies and Star-Trek.

On January 21st, after High Priest Nixon is coronated, we're all going to wake up breathing the same foul air, going to do the same stupid work to pay off the same installments for the same overpriced merchandise and the same taxes for wars in places halfway around the globe; or else we will go to school and hear the same bullshit and run the mazes for the same gold stars; or get shoved around by the same NCO's and cops, leading the same shopping-center-lawn-mower-bowling-alley-traffic-ticket-keep-smiling-time-is money-freedom-through-strength-republican-democratic lives.

Until we get together and do something about this shit.

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EDITORS: NOTE. LNS needs correspondents from YOUR TOWN! That's right, YOUR place of residence, work, play. Fill us in; the local hot stuff is where it's at, and we want it, need it, love it. Don't keep the news to yourself: SPREAD THE WORD.

## SENATE REPORT ON THE NEW LEFT

by Allen Young

LIBERATION News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- Just check the index, the whole gang's there--Jerry Rubin and Karl Marx, Tom Hayden and Paul Krassner, Che Guevara and Carl Oglesby, Bob Dylan and Yevgeny Yevtushenko.

It's a new book called "The New Left." The subtitle says: "Memorandum prepared for the Subcommittee to investigate the Administration of the International Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, Ninetieth Congress, Second Session."

It costs a dollar at the U.S. Government Printing office (Washington, 20402), but you can ask your congressmen to get you one for free.

In it, you can read some things you already know:

"The New Left is motivated by a desire for something better, and it has come to feel that something better cannot evolve, but must come about as a result of a shattering revolution."

There are also some seriously incorrect or outdated political judgments:

"The Communist Party has been vitally concerned with the growth of the New Left and has made every effort to increase its own influence within that movement."

There are some funny mistaken identifications:

Jack Smith, managing editor of the Guardian is described as a "Berkeley activist" and Jerry Rubin is said to be a member "of the Progressive Labor Party."

And there are some statements which can be characterized as outrageous lies, at least for the time being:

"A large part of the New Left's organizational activity is devoted to planning for... socially useful violence."

The 246-page report, prepared under the supervision of subcommittee Chairman Thomas J. Dodd, is a surprisingly complete account of New Left activities, with references to most major personalities and actions. Entire chapters are more.....

devoted to the Chicago New Politics Conference, Columbia, the more recent Chicago events, and the relationship of SDS to the "civil rights" movement.

There is the usual (Joseph) McCarthyite tendency to sully the New Left by associating it with the Communist Party, but the authors admit that the CP doesn't control the New Left. Nevertheless, Gus Hall has six entries in the index, more than any other individual except Stokely Carmichael (13), President Johnson (10) and Martin Luther King (9).

There is also a serious message which is summed up in Senator Dodd's introduction:

"There is no reason to write off the scores of thousands of innocent and idealistic young people whom the leaders of the New Left now have in tow. There is, on the contrary, every reason to hope that an understanding and sympathetic approach will assist these thousands of earnest young people who today consider themselves part of the New Left to overcome their hostility to society and to devote their talents to the task of building and perfecting rather than to the senseless task of tearing down and destroying."

Dodd and the drafters of the report call upon the leaders of America to reach out to compete with the New Left "leaders" for the hearts and minds of the nation's youth:

"Our society can contribute to the process of disillusionment by differentiating between the leaders and the rank and file and by showing itself willing at all times to give sympathetic consideration to the legitimate grievances of our young people."

Over half of this document is an appendix containing more than forty articles on the New Left, from such diverse publications as the National Guardian (now the Guardian), Political Affairs (the CP theoretic journal) and Human Events (associated with the John Birch Society.)

In introducing the appendix, the editors of the Senate report included the following footnote:

"Some obscene words used by New Left activists have been omitted from these articles. Although it might be argued that to quote such

language would help to depict the nature of these militants, the most offensive words were deleted because they were found to be objectionable under congressional standards."

-- ----- --- ----, MOTHERFUCKER!

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#### PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAYS HE'S UNFIT TO TEACH

JOHNSON CITY, Texas (LNS) -- Twenty-seven years ago Congressman Lyndon Baines Johnson commented on what he would do to support himself after he retires from public office.

"My wife has a degree in journalism from the University of Texas. She always thought she could get a job on a newspaper if she had to. I had taught school a little while, but I wasn't competent to go back to that. When I thought about it all, I figured I could make a living as a salesman."

Next year Lyndon will teach at the University of Texas. He will also try to sell his version of the last six years.

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#### BROTHERS FOIL FEDS IN BEDFORD

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT, N.Y. (LNS) -- One hundred federal agents are scouring this Black sub-community of New York City in the hopes of finding a draft resister who got away.

On Nov. 6, four feds went to the home of Roger Abdul Latees, born Reggie Oliver, to arrest him for failure to report for induction. After a struggle with Latees and two women, who pounded the feds with brooms and hammers, the feds finally managed to get their prisoner in handcuffs.

As they started down the stairs, one of the women told an onlooker to "go get the brothers." When the feds got to the street, they found themselves surrounded. According to the feds, the brothers had some weapons. They didn't need them even if they had them.

The action was swift. One fed ran for the cops. The other three were supposedly knocked down by the brothers and brother Roger Abdul got away. Three people were arrested immediately after the incident. They are being held on \$5000 bail each. Six more people were arrested Thursday for aiding Abdul's escape. He is still free.

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STATE/MEANT FOR THE WHITE PANTHER ARM OF THE  
YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY  
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First we must say that this statement, like all statements is bullshit without an active program to back it up. We have a program which is on-going and total and which must not be confused with anything that is said or written about it.

Our program is cultural revolution through a total assault on the culture which makes use of every tool, every energy and every media we can get our collective hands on. We take our program with us everywhere we go and use any means necessary to expose people to it. Our culture, our art, the music, newspapers, books, posters, our clothing, our homes, the way we walk and talk, the way our hair grows, the way we smoke dope and fuck and eat and sleep--it is all one message, and the message is FREEDOM.

We are free mother-country-madmen in charge of our own lives, and we are taking this freedom to the kids of America in the streets, in ballrooms and teenclubs, in their front rooms watching tv, in their bedrooms reading the Fifth Estate or the Sun, or jacking off, or smoking secret dope, in their schools where we come and talk to them or make our music in their weird gymnasiums--they love it--we represent the only contemporary life-style in America for its kids and it should be known that these kids are READY! They're ready to move but they don't know how, and all we do is show them that they can get away with it.

BE FREE, goddammit, and fuck all them old dudes, is what we tell them, and they can see that we mean it. The only influence we have, the only thing that touches them, is that we are for real. We are FREE, we are a bunch of arrogant motherfuckers and we don't give a damn for any cop or any kind of phony-ass authority control-addict creep who wants to put us down. I heard Stokely Carmichael in 1966 call for "20 million arrogant black men" as America's salvation, and there are a lot of arrogant black motherfuckers in the streets today--for the first time in America--and for the first time in America there are a generation of vi-

sionary maniac white mother country dope fiend rock and roll freaks who are ready to get down and kick out the jams--ALL THE JAMS--break everything loose and free everybody from their very real and imaginary prisons--even the chumps and punks and hunkies who are always fucking with us.

We demand total freedom for everybody! And we will not be stopeed until we get it. We are bad. We will not be fucked with. Like Hassan I sabbah The Old Man of the Mountain, we initiate no hostile moves, but when moved against we will mobilize our forces for a total assault. We have been moved against every day of our lives in this weirdo country, and now we are moving to overturn this mother-fucker, to scrape the shit off it and turn it back over to all the people. All power to the people! Black power to black people! As Brother Eldridge Cleaver says, the shit is going down and there's only two kinds of people on the planet: those who make up the problem, and those who make up the solution.

WE ARE THE SOLUTION. Everything is free for everybody. Money sucks. Leaders suck. Underwear sucks. School sucks. The white honkie culture that has been handed us on a silver plastic platter is meaningless to us! We don't want it! Fuck God in the ass. Fuck everyone you can get your hands on.

Our program of rock and roll, dope, and fucking in the streets is a program of total freedom for everyone. And we are totally committed to carrying out our program. We breathe revolution. We are LSD-driven, total maniacs in the universe. We will do anything we can to drive people crazy out of their heads and into their bodies.

Rock and roll music is the spearhead of our attack because it's so effective and so much fun. We have developed organic high-energy guerrilla bands who are infiltrating the popular culture and destroying millions of minds in the process.

The MC5 is the most beautiful example. The MC5 is totally committed to the revolution. With our music and our economic genius we plunder the unsuspecting straight world for

money and the means to carry out our program, and revolutionize its children at the same time.

With our entrance into the straight media we have demonstrated to the honkies that anything they do to fuck with us will be exposed to their children. You don't need to get rid of all the honkies, you just rob them of their replacements and let the breed atrophy and die out, with its heirs cheering triumphantly all around. We don't have guns yet--not all of us anyway--because we have more powerful weapons; direct access to millions of teenagers is one of our most potent, and their belief in us is another.

But we will use guns if we have to--we will do anything--if we have to.... We have no illusions. Knowing the power of symbols in the abstract world of Americans we have taken the White Panther as our mark to symbolize our strength and arrogance and to demonstrate our commitment to the program of the Black Panthers Party as well as to our own--indeed, the two programs are the same.

The actions of the Black Panthers in America have inspired us and given us strength, as has the music of black America, and we are moving to reflect that strength in our daily activity just as our music contains and extends the power and feeling of the black magic music that originally informed our bodies and told us that we could be free.

We might mention Brother James Brown and Brother Jimi Hendrix in this connection, as well as John Coltrane and Archie Shepp. Sun-Ra. LeRoi Jones. Malcolm X. Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, these are magic names to us. These are men in America. And we're as crazy as they are, and as pure.

This is our program:

#### PLATFORM OF THE WHITE PANTHERS

- 1) Full support and endorsement of the Black Panther Party's Ten-point Program.
- 2) The end of money--We demand free exchange of energy and materials.
- 3) Total Assault on the Culture by any means necessary, including Rock&Roll, Dope, and Fucking in the Streets.
- 4) Free all prisoners everywhere.

5) Free the media for the people--we must have access to our technology when we want it.

6) Free Food, Clothes, Housing, Dope, Music, Bodies, Medical Care, everything Free.

7) Free all soldiers at once--No more armies.

8) Free all schools from Corporate Rule--Turn the buildings over to the students.

9) Free Time & Space for all people--Dissolve all Unnatural Boundaries.

10) Free the people from their "Leaders"--leaders suck.

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This is the first formal statement of the White Panther Party, issued by Brother John Sinclair, Minister of Information of the White Panther Party.

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Good going, cops...

#### A "MODEL BUST" AT CITY COLLEGE

by Sid Hammer

LIBERATION News Service

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Tactical Patrol Force police moved in on Finley Student Center at New York's City College during the witching hours Thursday morning, Nov. 7 to arrest an AWOL soldier and 135 students who had successfully resisted the GI's arrest for a week.

Three days before, federal marshalls, attempting to bust the 19-year-old GI, Pvt. William Brakefield, were blocked by a human wall of 400 students when they tried to escort their handcuffed prisoner from the main ballroom of the student center.

The protest "sanctuary" was an outgrowth of an anti-war election vigil led by the City College commune, SDS, and the NY Resistance. A one-day permit had been granted for use of the ballroom. When Private Brakefield was given sanctuary, the students informed the administration that they would not leave after expiration of the permit. The vigil was continued over the weekend and there was some attempt to erect barricades. These were taken down at Brakefield's request.

The scene in the student center was one of week-long dissention, paranoia, and hysterical false alarm. The protest attracted a number of freaks whose behavior was a turn-off to students committed to the issues. Minor damage was done to property, sometimes without apparent reason. Whether demonstrators or others were responsible is not entirely clear.

The police behaved peerlessly before the media cameras. Indeed, there is some evidence that this was planned as a "model bust."

Nevertheless, 135 persons were arraigned on charges of "illegal trespass" after President Gallagher of City College signed the complaint, without notifying the director of Finley Center--the police action came as a complete surprise to him. Dr. Gallagher also neglected to consult the faculty Senate which last year passed a resolution asking that the President consult the faculty before bringing police onto the campus.

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SEE PHOTOS, PAGE P-5 on the Finley Center Bust.

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SCOOP!!!!

THIS ONE'LL ZAPPA YA!

LOS ANGELES (LNS) -- An album will soon be released featuring a new group called RUBEN AND THE JETS. According to usually reliable sources close to the parties involved, RUBEN AND THE JETS are really THE MOTHERS OF INVENTION.

Supposedly Francis Vincent and the boys have turned into street corner greasers in a last ditch effort to get their smut on the radio.

When confronted by an LNS ace reporter, the folks at Bizarre Inc., Zappa's music company, would only say, "No comment!"

If you should see Frank running around with a 1958 greaser haircut and talking bop talk, do not be deceived. A Mother by any other name is still a freak!

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Two reminders: Did you pay your bill yet? Please send bread if possible or loving note if no bread. Second reminder: don't forget to credit our photographers. (A printed picture is worth a thousand words.) Keep in touch!!!!!!!!!!!!

## "WE ARE THE ARMED BRANCH OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO"

by Gaspar Cuneo Elizondo  
LIBERATION News Service

Sabotage against American enterprise in Puerto Rico is being conducted by a little-known group, the Liberation Armed Commandos of Puerto Rico (CAL). Gaspar Cuneo Elizondo recently interviewed Alfonso Leal, leader of CAL.

Tricontinental, which first published the interview, writes: "The interview took place in the cocktail lounge of one of Condado's modern hotels on the outskirts of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The fact that this bar is patronized by the bourgeoisie and U.S. agents made it an ideal spot in which to meet secretly and carry out this revolutionary task." (Tricontinental is the theoretical organ of OSPAAAL--the Organization of Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America.)

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (LNS) -- The Liberation Armed Commandos have been in the process of formation during the past few years, but we started operations in September 1967 by simultaneously burning down Bargain Town, Carolina and three other stores owned by Yankees in the Santa Rosa, Bayamon, shopping center. WHAT ARE YOUR OBJECTIVES IN RESORTING TO THIS TYPE OF STRUGGLE?

Our actions are aimed at undermining the colonial stability and peace of the imperialist invaders; we are in the first stage of operations, and in this phase we intend to cause 100 million dollars' worth of damages to US concerns. Our idea is to inflict such heavy losses on these enterprises that the insurance companies will have to pay out more money in indemnity than they have received in payments, thus upsetting the economy.

HAVE YOU ACHIEVED ANY PRACTICAL RESULTS?

Let me explain. When the losses amounted to 14 million dollars, the first crisis of the insurance companies was precipitated; they started to cancel policies taken out on fire losses by US enterprises. Furthermore, the attitude of the insurance companies forced

the colonial legislature to enact a special law whereby the Government of Puerto Rico subsidizes the insurance companies. It was necessary to set up a special fund for policies on liabilities that are financially burdensome to the companies. By escalating this action, as we propose to do, the time will come when the Government will be unable to continue to subsidize these companies. So far, it has only tried to patch up the situation.

WHAT IS THE BASIS OF YOUR ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS?

In our actions we have kept in mind the experiences of the revolutionary struggles in other countries--for instance, the Algerian experience--regarding this stage of urban struggle, but we apply this experience to the Puerto Rican reality, which has its own special--though not exceptional--characteristics; we apply in Puerto Rico whatever we can from the struggles all over the world.

YOU REFER TO THE "SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS" OF PUERTO RICO. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

Puerto Rico is a U.S. military and economic bulwark in the Caribbean; in this appraisal we coincide with other Puerto Rican fighters for independence; it's just that they wage their struggle on the political plane, while we are waging an armed struggle. I will elaborate on this. The situation of our country implies a series of limitations, but also certain possibilities that revolutionaries in other countries do not have. Less effort is required to strike at the imperialist enemy in Puerto Rico than anywhere else.

But there's something else. Our struggle for independence will be carried out by many organizations--that is, it will manifest itself through various fronts and many different organizations.

THEN THE LIBERATION ARMED COMMANDOS CONSTITUTE THE ARMED BRANCH?

We are not the armed branch of any particular organization; we are the armed branch of the struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico, although that doesn't mean that there is any formal agreement between us and the various in-

dependence organizations. In the Commandos, we have some people who don't belong to any organization other than ours.

WHAT METHOD DO YOU USE FOR GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE PEOPLE AND SPREADING ARMED STRUGGLE?

We begin by linking our actions with the specific problems of the working class and the people in general, affected by the presence of imperialism here. For instance, when the telephone worker's strike broke out last April we got ready to sabotage the telephone company, which is a branch of the IT&T monopoly, in solidarity with the workers on strike. Our actions against the telephone company prompted its running full-page ads in the local newspapers offering a substantial reward for any information leading to our arrest. In our first bulletin we showed the people how to take an active part in the war against the telephone company. WHAT WERE CAL'S FUNDAMENTAL TASKS DURING ITS FIRST YEAR OF STRUGGLE?

First, to organize, discipline, and train the members of our organization. We have worked not only in the formation of cadres, the organization of cells, and the training of Commandos but also in getting the necessary resources to carry on our revolutionary struggle. We took up, organized, and disciplined a spontaneous armed struggle that has been going on in Puerto Rico for the past 10 years. Naturally this year we began to put into practice our plans for armed struggle, consisting of sabotaging the imperialist enterprises that have gradually taken over the economic life of our country. HAVE YOU ANY PROGRAM EXPRESSING YOUR IDEOLOGY AND ASPIRATIONS?

Within the next few days we will issue a manifesto setting forth our program; we have been publishing a bulletin since last September. This is in addition to the communiques we have issued on our actions. In our bulletin we give instructions to the people on how to sabotage the imperialist enterprises and take part in the struggle to kick the Yankees out.

As a part of our armed struggle, we have carried out--and will continue to carry out--operations against this Condado zone, the lair

of the U.S. gangsters and mafia and Cuban counterrevolutionaries who control the casinos of the big hotels in this area and who have been outdone--as far as prostitution and drug peddling are concerned--the Havana of prerevolutionary days. All these night clubs practice discrimination against Puerto Rican artists. We have declared Condado a war zone and have warned Puerto Ricans not to go through it, especially at night. Moreover, we are preparing to engage in more important operations, including confrontations, with the henchmen of imperialism. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE REPRESSION THAT HAS BEEN UNLEASHED AGAINST YOU.

Well, I'll tell you: they have brought down FBI experts and explosive experts and increased the resources of the Criminal Investigation Corps--the police force in charge of suppressing the patriotic struggle of our people. But they have failed. Our organization has been set up so as to be impregnable, so they haven't the slightest possibility of hitting us. WHAT ABOUT THE ARRESTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE?

That's because the pressure brought to bear by U.S. investors and the reactionary press forced them to produce scapegoats; they look for these scapegoats among the more active independence organizations. That explains the arrest of members and even leaders of the Pro-Independence Movement (MPI). The Government offers big rewards and 24-hour-a-day police protection to all those who will testify as witnesses against these scapegoats. They also want to hit the MPI because it is the organization that gets the most people out in the streets in the struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico and especially because the MPI has refused to condemn the actions of CAL. (The Independentist Party (PI) has repudiated our actions.)

Not only that, but the General Secretary of the MPI, Juan Mari-Bras, stated that "To the same extent to which they continue to limit the framework of precarious legality wherein the new struggle for independence operates, the underground armed struggle will grow in importance."

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE EFFECTS OF YOUR ACTIONS ON INVESTORS?

We know that our actions are beginning to be felt, as we have seen their effects in various sectors that support big investment. Time magazine, US News & World Report, and The Wall Street Journal have expressed their concern. In addition to this, we know that the head of the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Office in the United States, Danilo Ondina, resigned his post after failing to attract a number of companies that had already made tentative contacts with the Government to set up business in Puerto Rico.

THE DIVERGENCES IN THE SOCIALIST CAMP HAVE HAD A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES OF THE WORLD. WAS THERE ANY SUCH EFFECT IN PUERTO RICO?

These divergences have not affected us, because we are quite clear on the specific objectives of our struggle here. Such futile discussion is limited to debating circles in our country. One of the healthy effects of the creation of CAL has been the unmasking of pseudo-revolutionary idle talk. Now, anyone who is not engaged in a task in the mass organization or is not a member of CAL is simply running off at the mouth.

We are aware that there is room for other kinds of work; let no one think that we attack those who participate in demonstrations, picketing, and denunciations or who struggle against the draft imposed on our youth by the U.S. imperialists. We know that this is all part of the struggle.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE REACTION OF PUERTO RICAN BUSINESSMEN TO CAL'S ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. IMPERIALISTS?

They give us financial aid.

I DON'T WANT TO HOLD YOU HERE ANY LONGER, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ONE LAST QUESTION. WHAT MOVED YOU TO CREATE CAL?

On September 23, 1963, on the occasion of the commemoration of the Cry of Lares, all the patriotic forces signed the so-called Declaration of Lares; in it they pledged themselves to do

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SF STATE SHUT DOWN  
by Victoria Smith  
LIBERATION News Service

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- Striking black, white, Chicano and Oriental students have forced the closing of San Francisco State College here.

The strike, instigated by the suspension of George Murray, an English instructor and Black Panther Party official, has gathered up 2,000 sympathizers and 600 active students.

Small fires, minor explosions and raids on college department offices have been reported. Four students have been arrested.

The issues concern Murray's suspension and a list of demands produced late last month by the Black Student Union (BSU). Listing, among other things, that all black or Third World students be accepted automatically beginning with the fall semester, 1969.

Chicano and Oriental students have maintained a close tactical alliance with the BSU. The white students, mostly from SDS and the Progressive Labor Party, are organizing striking students in support of the black students.

After a militant sit-in at the school last spring, the administration agreed to admit 428 black and Third World students this fall. The BSU charged that this quota has not been achieved and that funds for the black student program have been cut.

The group also demanded the establishment of a bachelor's degree in black studies. They have charged the director of financial aid with racial discrimination and insist that she be replaced by a black or minority group director.

Of the groups participating in the strike, the BSU's tactics have been the most sensational and in some cases a little too strong-armed for much of the student body, according to a striking SDS member.

He told LNS that the black students move into classrooms and force students and teachers to leave. There have been a few scuffles between blacks and students protesting the order to strike.

"We have been trying to build a mass-based student movement here," the SDS student said. "The kids don't understand that the black students have no alternative but force."

The white students began their action by picketing in support of BSU demands. Later, they too began to move into classrooms, asking students and faculty to leave.

It is expected that the black and white groups will have to work more closely as the strike progresses. One of the first concrete signs of a closer alliance was a joint rally Nov. 8.

While the list of BSU demands is the kind that no administration would grant, the issue of Murray's suspension is one that the administration can and must deal with.

If he is not reinstated soon, a group of faculty members have promised to strike.

The incident provoking Murray's suspension was a speech he gave in the school cafeteria a few weeks ago. In the course of the speech he said that black students might have to take up guns to protect themselves from racist administrators.

The local establishment press misquoted Murray as saying that black students should bring guns to campus November 6. President Robert Smith had resisted pressure from Chancellor Glen Dumke to fire the Panther-teacher for some time, but this was the last straw.

Strikers see the firing as an obvious political act, since Dumke is presently being considered for Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under the Nixon administration.

The strike is growing, slowly but steadily. There have been few busts so far, but more busts and suspensions are expected, as militancy increases.

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GI COFFEE HOUSE IN TACOMA

TACOMA, Wash. (LNS) -- A coffee-house cultural center for GIs from Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base opened recently in Tacoma. The Sheleter Hall is there to provide a change in atmosphere from the military and to bring the movement closer to soliders. Similar coffee houses exist near Fort Jackson, So. Carolina and Fort Hood, Texas.

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their best to attain our independence before the Centennial--which is this year. Perhaps that was the biggest stimulus that led us to organize the Liberation Armed Commandos last year, since we considered it our duty to try to make good the Lares pledge, so that the Year of the Centennial would find us already engaged in armed struggle for independence under CAL's slogan: Independence or Death!

Before leaving, I wish to express our gratitude for the solidarity offered us by revolutionaries everywhere--but, like Che Guevara in his message to the Tricontinental on the many Viet-Nams, we believe that the greatest solidarity that can be extended to revolutionaries is for everyone to develop his own struggle against U.S. imperialism and all the other oppressors. We are striving to carry out the struggle through our own efforts, basing ourselves on the experiences gained in other parts of the world.

--from TRICONTINENTAL

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#### BIG BROTHER IN ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- The creation of a vast information bank through the use of computers is a high priority task being undertaken by the Federal government.

Washington insiders informed LNS recently that the National Bureau of Standards has been given a series of high-level computer projects.

NBS will begin by gathering information about computers themselves and keeping it in one place.

The Bureau is cooperating with the Civil Service Commission to collect data about government workers to provide a centralized personnel data bank.

The FBI has asked the bureau to develop new fingerprinting and identification equipment, and NBS computers will be used to collect all unclassified federal scientific reports for storage and future distribution.

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#### LNS-BULLETIN BOARD-LNS READERSHIP FREE-FOR-ALL

Dear readers: We want to give you free space to get messages to other papers. Here it is, please let us hear from you.

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THE WALRUS, a new <sup>high school</sup> rag to be found at 1701 Wethersfield Rd., Austin TEXAS 78703, would like to start exchanging papers. Get them on your mailing list.

ASTERISK, an underground going bi-monthly, and located in OMAHA, NEBRASKA (1942 So. 10th St.) is starting a book store, so as to enlighten the Omaha populace, and wants to sell YOUR papers. It will also sell posters, prints, jewelery, pipes, flowers, buttons, incense, etc. But most of all, it needs some underground papers, magazines, college papers. If you have any questions: write 'em.

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IF YOU KNOW OF A BLACK COMMUNITY PAPER (OR ARE ONE) and are not located in Illinois or Camden, N.J., please get in touch with THE PLAIN TRUTH, an underground paper in Champaign, Illinois (Box 2148, Station A.) The paper is also interested in receiving articles related to the black liberation movement, if you've got them.

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EDITORS: Dig it. New LNS Sports Column! (Yes, sports column.) THE NEW LEFT  
GUARD

### BASEBALL'S NEW IMAGE

by Lefty Millman

LIBERATION News Service

NEW YORK (LNS) -- The general managers of the American Baseball League are trying to get the league president, Joe Cronin, to ban excess hair on the faces of their all-Amerikan boys. If they have their way, no player in the American League will be allowed to wear sideburns, mustaches, goatees or beards. This action raises an important question about the sport of baseball.

What is the role of organized baseball in a changing Amerika? Along with mother and apple pie, baseball has been the traditional mainstay of Amerikan values. Each year millions of people would flock to professional and amateur baseball parks to see the cream of Amerika's youth play the clean, gentleman's game.

Unlike boxing, where matches are held in smoke-filled barns, baseball games are played in the fresh outdoors. Unlike football, where players wallow in mud, chasing after each other's asses, baseball players rarely fall to the ground and play only when the weather is nice.

Baseball was the ideal sport. It instilled a healthy attitude toward competition without much fear of physical harm. It also provided a way that poor stupid slum kids could make it.

Yet Amerika has started to change. People are tired of watching crewcut blondes run around in baggy uniforms chasing a little ball. The great crowds that used to jam baseball stadiums have dwindled in recent years.

At the same time, football, Amerika's most homosexual of sports (I saw a T.V. show where a former linebacker described the pleasure he used to get out of wrapping his arms around Jimmy Brown's "perfect 28-inch waist") has gained enormously in popularity.

With the exception of the few thrills provided by teams like the New York Mets and the St. Louis Cardinals, baseball is living off its past glories. Even these teams are able to

provide thrills only because some of their players have rejected the all-Amerikan image of baseball and joined the modern world.

For instance, Bob Gibson, St. Louis' super pitcher, and Curt Flood, their super outfielder, have both been outspoken about their involvement in the movement for black liberation. And over half the Mets wear sideburns and hold team discussions about the war in Vietnam.

Note: both of these teams are in the National League. There are noticeable differences between the two leagues; the fact that the American League is the one trying to ban facial fuzz is indicative.

Baseball, like Robert Hall Clothes (their commercials on radio have a male voice singing "I want to look like an Amerikan...") is desperately trying to keep afloat a tired conception of masculinity. "Our conception is to keep the proper image of major league players before young fans especially," said Ed Short, general manager of the Chicago White Sox.

Only sissies have long hair. Somebody forgot to tell the American League about Samson.

This image is going fast. Mickey Mantle was Amerika's sweetheart yesterday. Mantle, with his closely-cropped blonde hair and boyish grin, epitomized the stable Christian father who remained faithful to his high school sweetheart wife and five smiling children. That Mr. Amerika has been replaced.

He has been replaced by the free-wheeling Joe Namath, quarterback of the New York Jets. Namath has long hair (it curls below his football helmet), long sideburns and an occasional goatee and/or mustache. Far from being the stay-at-home faithful type, Namath is unmarried, runs around with a wild assortment of women, gets drunk week after week, punches magazine writers in the puss, dresses mod and fails to obey club rules. He also used his bum knees to avoid the army, to the consternation of many super patriots.

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"There ought to be a law so a man knows whether he is doing right or wrong."

--Senator Thomas Dodd





GAZA, Israel (HIPS)--Gaza Central High School lay in ruins today after a rampage by one of its students. Two days ago Samson Jones, a student at Central, was told to get his hair cut or never come back to school. Samson refused to cut his hair and then was immediately kicked out. Samson was so furious at this point that he proceeded to go to the auditorium and knock the school down.

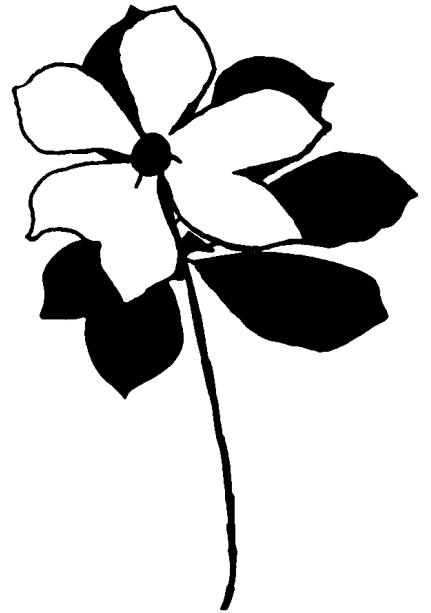
We hope this serves as a warning to uptight high-school principals. Please credit HIPS/LNS.

AN OPEN POEM TO THE PROPHETS AND THEIR APOSTLES

ruling guru greybeard bards  
having new fun in yr rolling rock renaissance.  
have u passed thru the Haight  
lately?  
have u seen yr turned-on kids?

u promised them Visions & Love & Sharing.  
they got  
clap, hepatitis, fleas, begging, & the gang-bang.

sure you didn't want to see the scene go that way  
but that's how the shit went down.  
& i do not hear your "Howl".  
i do not see u exorcising demons.



u told the congress that yr acid  
had taught u how to luv  
that filthy bloodsoaked thieving swine of a cowboy  
the Others call their president.  
is there nothing left over for the kids  
sleeping on sidewalks  
waiting to be carried off by bikes?  
has yr acid and cannabis powerwilted like yr daffodils?  
is there no compassion left over for the broken bodies  
of yr children's crusade?

yr disciples r dying in the streets, gurus.  
u have been among the philistines too long.  
u have become their Spectacle.  
heal the sores upon thine owne bodie, prophet!

yr Word has brought them as far as the Haight.  
can u not carry them to the seashore?

or is it yr power & not theirs which has failed?

can it be we warrior poets were right all along?  
can it be all the buddhas r hollow  
& like the Dali Lama  
u have been sipping butter tea upon a peacock throne  
as Tibetans perished in the snow?

is it time to admit that Hate as well as Love redeems the world?  
there is no outside w/out inside.  
no revolution w/out blood.

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At 5:00 A.M. after our last mailing, we were sitting in a local all-night eatery, when Hajj walked in. You may remember articles about him and his work with the Berkeley Commune. So we struck up a conversation & the next day he came into our office and gave us a few copies of some of his poems. This is one. Use it; ignore the copyright. Credit LNS though.

# FROM THE BOOK OF THE MOTHERFUCKER

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Once upon a time there was a nice concerned man who wanted to build a movement. So he looked around for an issue. What is the issue? He looked so hard for the issue that he developed a one-track mind.

2



So his head wore out from thinking up slogans... & he went into himself "to look for the inner truth."

3



He began to feel that he was alone, & that was a lonely feeling. So he started to listen to the masses. The worker had something to say, so he listened. The student has something to say, so he listened. The black has something to say, so he listened. He listened & he listened. And nothing happened...

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"I'm not going to listen any more" he said "because nothing's happening." So he decided to express himself... & expressing yourself means the media. He started rapping. He said anything to anybody. He wasn't a leader, but he spoke for everyone & anyone. Yippee!!

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Nobody really listened. People thought he wasn't serious. And he felt that there was something wrong... so he decided to draw on his past experiences. An issue, but not any particular issue, & an action to go with it. The Election! Vote with your feet! Issue + Action...?

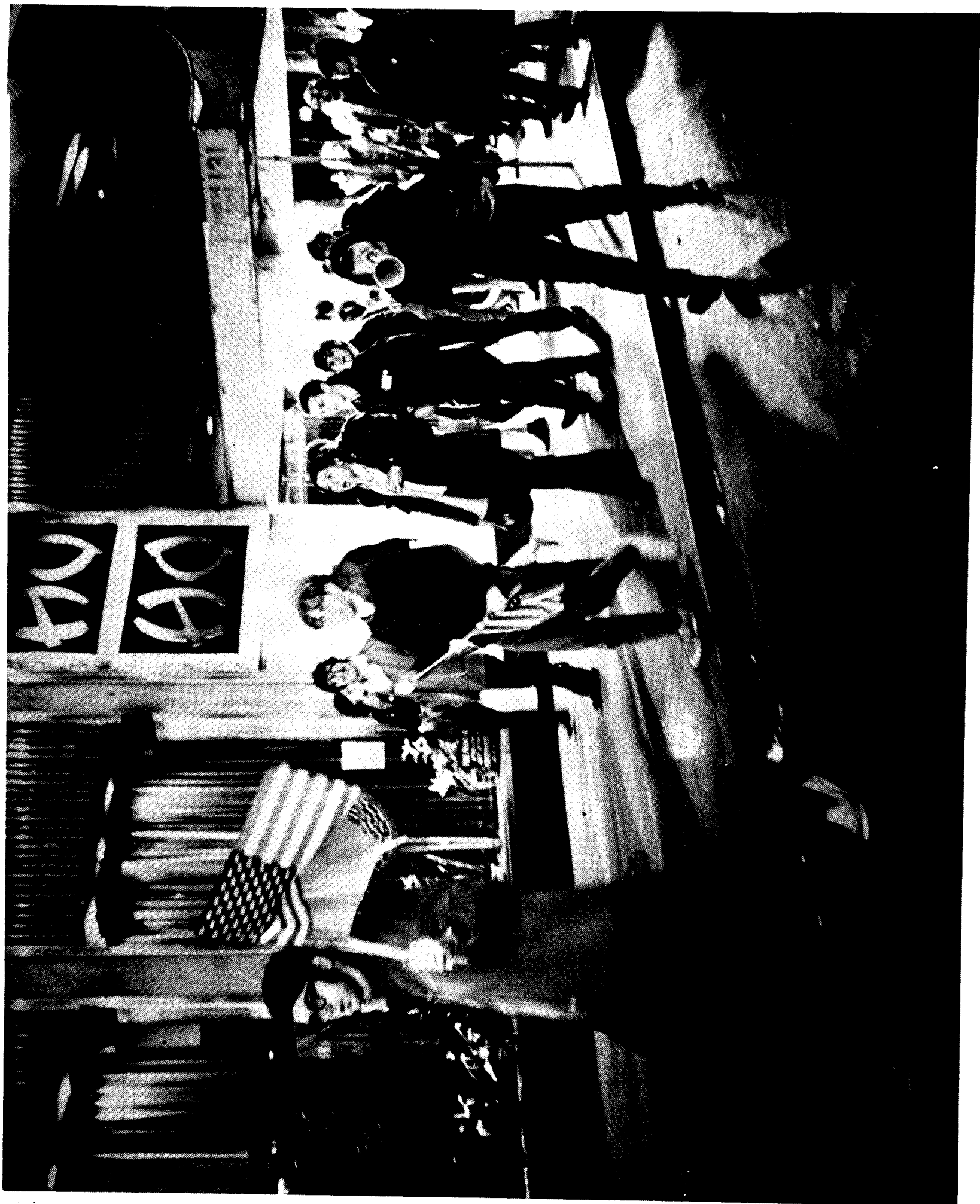
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But that wasn't enough. So he retired to think & to work it all out... And sooner or later he came up with the correct line. He got paid a lot for going around & telling other people what they should do. But somehow the movement transcended him.

"Up Against The Wall Motherfucker"

Look forward to more pages by the New York Motherfuckers.  
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Election night in New York.

Youth votes with their feet in the streets.

Ho ho .....

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BUST AT CCNY, NOV. 7, 1968, 2:00 A.M. Photos by

Miriam Bokser/LNS.

(See accompanying article page 6)

So the cops came into the Ballroom, & lined up on one side,  
& the kids were huddled on the other side around AWOL Bill.

And the chandeliers continued to emit a soft glow; smells of  
grass & hash still in the air. And the usual warnings were  
given to the kids, by the Dean, by the Head Cop. Then the  
cops lined up in single file and waited to be handed three  
kids each and arrest them. The line extended out of the  
ballroom & down two flights of stairs, & outside where the 18

buses that brought them were standing. And the bust was orderly.

TOP LEFT: Those who walked out. TOP RIGHT: AWOL Bill carried out.

BOTTOM: The friendly outstretched white-gloved hands.



TOP: The Mexican military cracked down on students and young people -- often literally. Even before the "Day of Sorrows" (Oct. 2, when troops opened fire on a peaceful rally at the Plaza de las Tres Culturas and killed over 200 people), many students were beaten or killed during demonstrations or scattered incidents (This photo was taken before Sept. 11).

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BOTTOM: An unknown number -- probably in the thousands -- remain in Mexican jails on political charges. Although some have been released by the government with considerable fanfare, other student leaders continue to disappear. There are reports of torture and inhuman conditions in the prisons.

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TOP: Students attempt to flee as troops seize the streets surrounding a school.  
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BOTTOM: The tradition of university autonomy in Mexico has meant that places of learning are inviolate. But this summer, the military shot a 400 year old door from its hinges with bazookas at University Preparatory School Number One. The National Polytechnic Institute is still occupied by troops.

In this photo, tanks "guard" a school. PLEASE CREDIT LNS